

ALL ALONG BATTLE LINE GERMANS ON OFFENSIVE

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MOVEMENTS ALONG THE COAST

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LONDON, October 21.—A comparison of the official reports from Paris and Berlin leads to the conclusion that all along the western battle front in France and Belgium the Germans have resumed the offensive, but with their supreme efforts directed against the allies' left.

The news supplementing these official communications, however, indicates that on the left, at least, the allies are not acting merely on the defensive.

The great turning movement is undoubtedly developing through the corner of Belgium bounded by France and the sea, but the public remains in a haze as to whether the turning move is one on the part of the allies to get around the German right flank, or a German operation to envelop the allies' left.

The impression grows that the Germans are determined to add Dunkirk to the line of seaports now held along the Belgian coast, and the allies are making desperate efforts to lure back the invaders. Late reports through Dutch sources declare that the Germans have been repulsed six miles from Ostend, and that guns are now heard near that city. Other late reports, which lack confirmation, state that the Germans have abandoned Bruges. If these reports are true, it would indicate that the allies are meeting with some success in their efforts to recapture the seacoast.

MOVEMENTS IN NATURE

OF RECONNAISSANCE

The movements along the coast continue to be more or less in the nature of reconnaissance movements, while the aim of the fighting on the allies' left centres around Lille, which is because its railroad and highway connections are of vital strategic importance to the Germans. From Lille two roads run out to the west—one northerly to Arras, and the other southerly to Fournes, through a country which is enclosed and thickly populated.

The French statement contents itself with the assertion that these roads are held by strong forces of Germans, while the Berlin communication claims a victory on them. Operations along these roads may also merely be a reconnaissance movement, checked by the Germans, but all reports agree that the real resistance at Lille continues to be of the most stubborn nature.

Only the most meagre reports arrive from the eastern war area, but it is clear that the Russians are at least holding their own. Both sides are evidently intrenching, and the Vistula River region promises to become another battle of the Aisne.

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ATTACKS OF ENEMY

REPULSED BY ALLIES

PARIS, October 21 (2:40 P. M.).—The French official communication this afternoon said that the attacks of the enemy yesterday on Neuport, Dixmude and Labasse, were repulsed by the allies.

The Weather

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Thursday and Friday.
North Carolina—Fair Thursday and Friday.

Local Temperature Yesterday.	
12 noon temperature.....	69
3 P. M. temperature.....	74
6 P. M. temperature.....	70
Maximum temperature to 3 P. M.	74
Minimum temperature to 3 P. M.	49
Normal temperature.....	64
Deficiency in temperature yesterday.....	5
Deficiency in temperature today.....	15
Accumulated deficiency in temperature since January 1.....	214

Local Rainfall Yesterday.
Rainfall last twenty-four hours..... None
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1..... .81
Accumulated deficiency in rainfall since January 1..... .901

Local Observations at 8 P. M. Yesterday.

Temperature, 62; humidity, 63; wind, direction, southeast; wind, velocity, 1; weather, clear.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

Place	Ther.	H. T.	L. T.	Weather
Atlanta	68	74	56	Clear
Baltimore	64	70	54	Clear
Boston	60	66	50	Clear
Buffalo	60	66	50	Clear
Calgary	42	50	26	P. cloudy
Charleston	72	78	62	Clear
Chicago	60	66	50	Clear
Denver	60	70	44	Rain
Duluth	58	64	54	Clear
El Cerrito	64	70	54	Cloudy
Hatteras	68	72	66	Clear
Havre	54	60	42	Cloudy
Indianapolis	62	78	62	P. cloudy
Kansas City	66	72	58	Cloudy
Louisville	72	78	66	Clear
Memphis	64	70	54	Clear
New Orleans	74	78	68	Cloudy
New York	68	74	56	Clear
Omaha	60	66	50	Clear
Oklahoma	70	82	62	Clear
Pittsburgh	64	74	58	Clear
Raleigh	62	72	62	P. cloudy
San Francisco	64	70	54	Clear
St. Paul	64	70	54	Clear
San Francisco	64	70	54	P. cloudy
St. Louis	64	70	54	Clear
Spokane	52	54	42	Cloudy
Tampa	74	84	68	P. cloudy
Winnipeg	56	66	36	P. cloudy
Wytheville	56	74	40	Clear

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

October 22, 1914.

Sun rises.....6:25 Morning.....7:05

Sun sets.....5:24 Evening.....7:53

UNITED STATES PROTESTS TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT

American-Owned Steamer "John D. Rockefeller" Seized by English War Vessel.

TAKEN TO ORKNEY ISLANDS

Ambassador Page at London Is Instructed to Ask for Immediate Release—Similar Action in Case of the Brindilla May Be Taken.

WASHINGTON, October 21.—The United States has protested to Great Britain against the seizure of a British warship of the American tank steamer John D. Rockefeller. This was announced to-day by Acting Secretary Lansing, of the State Department.

As the Rockefeller was American owned, flew the American flag and no change of registry was involved, the American government considers the seizure unwarranted. She had American officers and crew.

The ship was bound from one neutral port to another, leaving Philadelphia September 2, for Copenhagen, and carried illuminating oil, which Secretary Lansing said had not been classed as contraband in any notification received from Great Britain. The vessel was taken to the Orkney Islands. The protest was made to the British government through Ambassador Page, at London, who was instructed to ask for the immediate release of the Rockefeller.

Mr. Lansing said that no representations or protest had been made in the case of the steamer Brindilla, taken recently to Halifax. He added that he was awaiting further information as to the character of her cargo, and the condition under which she was seized.

Mr. Lansing had an engagement with President Wilson to-day, but declined to say whether the seizure of the ships would be discussed. As the cargo of the Brindilla was the same as the Rockefeller's, the government's action to-day was taken to forestall another protest and demand for release, unless some difficulty in the change of the Brindilla's registry, not yet developed, comes up.

TO KEEP FROM GERMANY

CARGOES OF OIL

Great Britain's determination to keep from Germany cargoes of illuminating oil, which might be made fuel for army and naval vessels, and aeroplanes, is responsible for the seizure of the American Standard Oil vessels by the British.

This fact was developed in conference here to-day after the State Department had requested release of the tanker John D. Rockefeller.

The Standard Oil Company has asked the State Department to secure release of the tanker John D. Rockefeller, the Brindilla and Platania. Like the Rockefeller, they were captured by British warships while bound from neutral ports to neutral countries, carrying illuminating oil.

Only in the case of the Rockefeller, however, has the department felt warranted in taking immediate steps. It is clear that the Russians are at least holding their own. Both sides are evidently intrenching, and the Vistula River region promises to become another battle of the Aisne.

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Belgian Forces Powerfully Supported by Fire of British Warships on Left Flank.

MARKED PROGRESS BY ALLIES

Every One Is Talking Victory, and Those Who Come From Firing Line No Longer Have Fear of German Offensive.

BY E. ASHFIELD BARTLETT.

DUNKIRK, FRANCE, October 21.—Along the road from Boulogne it is difficult to tell whether you're in France or Belgium. The line between the two countries is so close that I must admit, I had an idea the Belgian army would